



UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT #22

Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 06/20/2020 – 6/23/2020	Mission #: 20-0265	Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties
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General Situation/Overview:

On January 21, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and in Washington State. As of 3/19/2020 a 24, 48, 72-hour planning projection of the response is being done daily.

Benton and Franklin County At-A-Glance

Total Case Count Updated: 12:00 pm 06/23/2020	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	1464	1313
Deaths**	73	23

Confirmed:** positive test result. *Deaths:** BFHD defined a COVID-19 death as someone who died with COVID-19 as their primary cause of death, meaning they died because of COVID-19. DOH includes people who tested positive for COVID-19 and died, but may not have died of COVID-19. That's why the dashboard may show a higher number of deaths than we previously reported. DOH is currently updating their definition, and in the coming days, the total number of deaths reported on the dashboard may decrease

City Case Count table will be updated every Tuesday 06/23/2020 12:45pm	# of Cases
Pasco	1181
Eltopia	18
Mesa	16
Connell	110
Kahlotus	<10
Kennewick	864
Richland	279
West Richland	67
Benton City	41
Prosser	171
Plymouth	<10
Patterson	<10

Current Hospital Status Updated: 12:45 pm 06/23/2020 M-F	COVID Like Illness = CLI		
	# Hospitalized Patients	# COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI	% COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI
Current hospitalized patients	317	78	24.6%

OPERATIONS SECTION:

INVESTIGATIONS & RESPONSE: Identify the COVID-19 spread, including clusters; track any lab confirmed cases and determine potential exposures. Perform contact tracing to limit secondary exposure of COVID-19 to close contacts of laboratory confirmed cases. Identify the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care and community living facilities and provide infection control guidance and resources to those facilities. Input data from Epi into existing systems; WDRS and Redcap surveys.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Phase 2 is still on hold. Elected Officials and Health Officials continue to work on getting the Phase 2 waiver approved. A significant emphasis was placed on completing the Benton and Franklin counties matrix for return back to the state Department of Health for their evaluation. We have not heard anything back from them yet.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the request of Washington State DOH, surveys of the community to determine adherence to the Face Covering Order are being conducted throughout the area by visual inspection at various businesses at varying times.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coyote Ridge Correctional Center (CRCC) is receiving assistance from WA-DOH, National Guard and BFHD to conduct testing and infection control. The testing at CRCC will be sent to the University of Washington for analysis. The Franklin County metrics for new case incidence will show rates with and without the incarcerated CRCC population as this population does not equally reflect community transmission.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Similar to CRCC, the Union Gospel Mission is receiving assistance from BFHD for their facility. Testing is being conducted as well as helping them increase their infection control interventions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The state continues to ship sampling supply kits directly to the Long Term Care sites within Benton and Franklin County.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Benton County is averaging 16.9% positive test rate and Franklin County is averaging a 30% positive test rate.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently there are 16 confirmed active outbreaks – these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak and have had active cases within the last 28 days. Additionally, there are 6 potential outbreaks that are being investigated but cannot be confirmed as an official outbreak at this time.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Guard and BFHD continues testing at both the Toyota Center in Kennewick (back side accessed from Grandridge Blvd) and the HAPO Center (TRAC). For an appointment, register by calling: 2-1-1, and they will give you a registration number and appointment time. This last week of testing had 607 tests conducted with 74 positives equaling a 12% positive rate. These drive thru testing sites will be available to all residents and does not require a physician’s order to receive a test. Both sites will operate Tuesday – Saturday 0800-1300 for an undetermined amount of time.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD has assigned a staff person to lead our schools taskforce to support schools in the bi-county area with their planning for fall classes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washington State Department of Health continues to provide contact tracing support to BFHD. With positive cases continuing to rise, this help is greatly appreciated and needed.
<p>TRAINING AND VOLUNTEERS Develop and administer volunteer training and coordination to supplement current staff as needed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interested in volunteering at BFHD go to: waserv.org - BFHD is seeking more volunteers to assist with contact tracing efforts – background in healthcare, science fields or persons with good interviewing skills are desirable.
<p>COMMUNITY RELATIONS / PUBLIC INFORMATION: Keep our community informed and educated; providing accurate information. Maintain our call center and website; providing updated information. Develop and maintain media products for the weekly press conference.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD is coordinating with Spanish media and agencies to provide COVID messaging to our Hispanic community.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is now a link to the Washington State DOH Data Dashboard on the BFHD Website/Community Recovery page. https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=10766056&pageId=16713009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The BFHD continues to take calls. Yesterday they took 27 calls mainly pertaining to where to get tested and moving to Phase 2. Residents wanting to be tested, need to contact 2-1-1 for an appointment and registration number. We have limited space for drive-ups without an appointment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A list of COVID testing site by county/city has been added to the BFHD website - https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=10766056&pageId=16774440
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Recovery Page is being adjusted daily to reflect the current case impacts.

- BFHD updates [Website](#) [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) daily.

LOGISTICS:

PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:

- Benton and Franklin Counties have received 178,000 masks for lower income residents. 140,000 of the masks have been distributed to: Union Gospel Mission, Impact Compassion, Boys and Girls Club, Community Action Connection – Prosser & Pasco, Meals On Wheels/Senior Life Resources, Grace Clinic, Kahlotus Area and Connell Area. Additionally, 8376 bottles of sanitizer have been given out from a donation from Kadlec Medical Center.
- To date, we have received **4,577** donated masks! Benton and Franklin counties continue to distribute these masks to local area farms/farmers/H2A's and still have masks available. – **Thanks to ALL of YOU DONATORS!!!**
- [Shared Washington State PPE Conservation Strategies link](#)
- PPE requests from Hospitals/EMS/Law Enforcement/Clinics/LTC/Dentists need to be sent to their respective Emergency Management no later than **10:00am every Friday** or as circumstances dictate – a weekly request will be made to the state every Friday for delivery of supplies the following week.
Benton – d.davis@bces.wa.gov Franklin – sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us

DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:

RECURRING ACTIVITIES:

- Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing via ZOOM if you would like an invite for this Zoom meeting email Janae Parent at janaep@bfhd.wa.gov
- Daily at 8:30am - info coordination call with PIO and Info group
- M-W-F at 10:30am - Local Hospital/Clinic coordination call via ZOOM
- Coordination call with the WA State EOC Monday and Thursday 1-877-820-7831, password 782831# - State SitRep is not produced on the weekends it will be sent M-F only.
- Daily at 4:00pm – Planning Meeting via ZOOM – if you would like an invite for this Zoom meeting email Janae Parent at janaep@bfhd.wa.gov
- M-F at 5:00 dissemination of BFHD Incident Action Plan released - on Friday the IAP will be a 3-day IAP encompassing the weekend plan (Sat, Sun, Mon).
- Tuesdays at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call
- Tuesday at 3:00pm - EMS/Fire/Public Health discussion meeting
- Tuesday/Friday at 5:00pm - Unified Situational Report (SitRep) released
- Tuesdays at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting
- Wednesday at 1:00pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555#
- Thursdays at 11:00am - BFHD press conference covering the current situation/status and guest speakers will be included to discuss special topics, when appropriate.
- Thursdays at 2:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies
- Fridays at 2:00pm – Central and Eastern WA Counties meeting to discuss farmworkers and H2A Housing communities information/concerns/coordination

FUTURE OPERATIONS:

- Washington Safe Start Reopening Plan metrics and incorporation of our local data as they relate to these metrics is a priority and here is the [BFHD Community Recovery Page](#) .
- Continue meetings with the Governor, Department of Health, Local Health and Elected Local officials to discuss movement to Phase 2.
- Continue operation of National Guard Community based testing sites.

CURRENT RISKS:

- Lack of social distancing in community parks and recreation areas
- People misinterpreting the testing/results data on the BFHD and DOH websites.
- Citizens not complying with the mask directive.
- Large business refusing testing to avoid the possibility of having identified positive cases at their work site.

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:

- Benton-Franklin Health District- All News: <https://www.bfhd.wa.gov>
- Washington State Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- REDI Healthcare Coalition: <https://srhd.org/programs-and-services/hcc/eei->

DISTRIBUTED TO:

Local Health Jurisdiction: Management Team, EOC/ECC Staff, all BFHD Staff

Region 8: Local Emergency Response Coordinators, Emergency Management agencies, healthcare partners, Fire/EMS agencies

WA State: Regional Emergency Response Coordinators, DOH Duty Officer

Eastern WA: REDi Coalition Duty Officer

Cross Boarder: Oregon Regions 6 and 9 Liaisons